

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R97-1/22

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
SCHEDULING WITNESSES

(September 18, 1997)

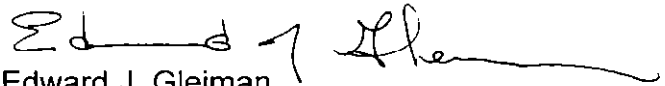
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The schedule for the appearance of the witnesses presenting the direct case of the Postal Service is set forth in Attachment A. The schedule accommodates the numerous conflicting obligations and preference of Postal Service witnesses.

As discussed at the prehearing conference, hearings normally will continue until cross-examination of all scheduled witnesses has been completed. If that proves impossible, scheduled cross-examination can be completed on weekends, or after the scheduled appearances of witnesses has been completed. In order to accommodate the schedules of Postal Service witnesses, and of counsel who must prepare to cross-examine those witnesses, hearings each day will begin with the witnesses scheduled to appear on that day. Participants requesting an exception to this procedure will be expected to contact the Postal Service and all counsel indicating an intent to cross-examine witnesses scheduled to appear on that day prior to making such a request.

RULING

Attachment A schedules the appearance of Postal Service witnesses in this case.


Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer

SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS TO RECEIVE
THE DIRECT CASE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE

Witness

October 6, 1997	O'Hara (USPS-T-30)
October 7, 1997	Needham (USPS-T-39) Miller (USPS-T-23) Schenk (USPS-T-27) Plunkett (USPS-T-40) Lion (USPS-T-24) Treworgy (USPS-T-22) *Currie (USPS-T-42)
October 8, 1997	Fronk (USPS-T-32) Hatfield (USPS-T-25) Seckar (USPS-T-26) Sharkey (USPS-T-33) Nelson (USPS-T-19) *Musgrave (USPS-T-8)
October 9, 1997	Crum (USPS-T-28) Daniel (USPS-T-29)
October 10, 1997	Hume (USPS-T-18) Moeller (USPS-T-36)
** October 13, 1997	No hearings, Federal holiday
October 14, 1997	Nieto (USPS-T-2) Bradley (USPS-T-13) Wade (USPS-T-20)
October 15, 1997	Hatfield (USPS-T-16) Mayes (USPS-T-37) Adra (USPS-T-38)
October 16, 1997	Pafford (USPS-T-1) Tayman (USPS-T-9) *Macdonald (USPS-T-10) Panzar (USPS-T-11) Takis (USPS-T-41)

October 17, 1997	Taufique (USPS-T-34) *Kaneer (USPS-T-35) Bernstein (USPS-T-31) Baron (USPS-T-17) *Harahush (USPS-T-3)
October 20, 1997	Bradley (USPS-T-14) Moden (USPS-T-4)
October 21, 1997	Degen (USPS-T-12) Brehm (USPS-T-21)
October 22, 1997	Thress (USPS-T-7) Tolley (USPS-T-6) Alexandrovich (USPS-T-5) Patelunas (USPS-T-15)
** October 23-24, 1997	

* No participant other than the Office of the Consumer Advocate indicated that it expected to cross-examine witnesses identified with an asterisk [*]. If no participant files a timely request for oral cross-examination (special rule 4.B.), two copies of the corrected testimony, subscribed by the witness (see rule 11(e)) may be moved into evidence without the appearance of the witness.

** No witnesses are scheduled to appear, however, hearings may be held on these dates if necessary to accommodate extended cross-examination, or if there is a need to recall witnesses.